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## DR. L. B. MORSE ADVOCATES ANOTHER IMPORTANT HIGHWAY THROUGH HENDERSON COUNTY

(By Dr. Lucius B. Morse.)

It is an undeniable fact that the automobile is the largest single factor entering into the development of rural life today in America. More than all else it is responsible for the unprecedented improvement in roadways throughout the length and breadth of the country. The number of people who travel by automobile is increasing at a yearly rate of about 33 per cent. This being the fact it would seem that it deserves the most serious consideration of any up-to-date community.

The number of people who are coming to the mountains of Western North Carolina by automobile during the last five years has grown by leaps and bounds. Hendersonville already is well supplied with through automobile connections in four directions, viz: To Asheville and Knoxville to the north and west, to Charlotte and North Carolina generally to the east, to Spartanburg Columbia and Charleston to the south east, and lastly to Greenville giving a south western outlet. All these roads are practically completed or will be in the near future,—making as they do four spokes to the Hendersonville Good Roads wheel.

There would seem to be, however, opportunity practically knocking at our very door for the construction of another through highway into our city, a highway that would give us a splendid opening through the Sapphire Lake region to some point in Macon county intercepting the Asheville-Atlanta highway. The points that such a road would probably touch are as follows, Hendersonville, Brevard, Lake Toxaway, Lake Sapphire, Lake Fairfield, Cashiers Valley, Highlands and a point intercepting as above stated, the Asheville-Atlanta highway in Macon county. The counties traversed are as follows: Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Macon. The road would be very close to 100 miles in length.

Such a road would seem to be a most practicable one. The portion in Henderson county to the Transylvania county line is a 25 foot sand-clay highway of excellent grade.

The work in Transylvania county, much of it, would have to be actual new construction. Of interest in this connection is the fact that the Toxaway company is at this very time contemplating the building of a first-class highway on a good grade from Lake Fairfield (in Jackson county) via Lake Sapphire to Lake Toxaway. This road might easily become a part of the new through automobile road. In Jackson county not a little of their road in the direction of Cashiers Valley is in fair condition. It is also generally reported that a good highway is maintained from the Asheville-Atlanta highway to Highlands.

The road would traverse the most beautiful mountain and lake section in the Southern Appalachians; very much of it would be of relatively light construction and would serve a distinct means for a vast section of country that is now almost inaccessible because of present road conditions. A preliminary canvass of some of the leading men in the several counties that the road will pass is most encouraging. Several of the citizens of Brevard have signified their interest, and it is believed that this is a movement to which every public spirited man should lend his aid, assistance and give to it his best thought. Would this not be a movement that would do credit as one of the large enterprises which the reorganized Greater Hendersonville club could put into effect during the coming year? It will be of inestimable value not only to our city but relatively of more benefit to the other counties which the road would traverse. It can surely be brought about so let every man come forth with good suggestions.

### WE DON'T WORRY.

The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association has just sent out a publicity sheet in which it charges to prohibition the following misfortunes: lack of funds for salaries of school teachers in Georgia, \$1,000,000 deficit in Nashville, also a \$3,000,000 deficit in Alabama.

Of course it is plain to all thinking people that although public money from liquor license is not now available, the same money, or a large part of it is in the savings banks, to the credit of the men who formerly bought the drinks. In view of this fact, and the greater home comforts now enjoyed by the families of the men who used to patronize the bar-rooms, the State governments and their financial troubles give the workingman small concern. We should not worry.—The Mill News.

### FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ROADS MEANS MORTGAGING CHILDREN

Are You Taking Care of Roads as Well as Building Them?

It would be fine if we had nobody but ourselves to swindle—if we could not sell the future a gold brick and cash it in now. Under such conditions the gold brick industry would decline enormously. To take up just one concentrate branch of this subject, there is our cheerful habit of mortgaging our unborn children and grandchildren. Says the Clinton Democrat: "We can't survive the impression that we have wasted a lot of money; that we have built a lot of roads that have gone back to their former condition, from neglect; that we have but denied our posterity with a debt that has proved to be a rather bad investment. We have burdened our children with bonds that will be mighty hard to pay, and we will have to answer for a great deal, if for their \$150,000 we leave them a legacy of mudholes, a heritage of sand and water. One of the main defects in our present program, we think, is the fact that we are spending all of our money on construction and are not taking proper thought for the maintenance of roads."

Lee county is heading in the same direction that Sampson has gone. Here we have some of the finest in the South. We mortgaged the future to build them and another generation will have them to pay for. We justify ourselves on the ground that the future derives benefit from the roads; but if they are worn out before the bonds fall due, and even before the roads have been of much practical benefit to us, why did we tax ourselves to build them? If these roads are allowed to go through another winter without attention some of them will be nothing more than mudholes and gullies and we will have taxed ourselves and our children to no purpose. Properties that have been created at a cost of \$200,000 and that shorten distance and make travel profitable to everybody are certainly worth saving. What are you going to do about it?—

### FINE POTATO CROP.

W. P. Harris, the "Potato King" of Youngs Township, Very Successful Again This Year.

Mr. W. P. Harris, who has won a wide reputation on account of his success with Irish potatoes, was in the city several days ago and made mention of his year's crop. This year Mr. Harris planted 30 acres of potatoes, of the Lookout Mountain variety, and gathered 2,800 bushels from 24 acres of the land. The crop from the remaining six acres was left in the ground and more dirt thrown around them, these to be gathered later on. He estimates that from the entire 30 acres he will secure over 3,000 bushels. On the best six acres he made 225 1-4 bushels. The best acre had had a crop of crimson clover turned under before planting and on this acre he made 75 bushels more than the average of the next best 5 acres on the same grade land but where the clover had not been turned under. This he said indicates the wonderful value of crimson clover to the farmer.

Mr. Harris believes strongly in rotation of crops. On one acre of land he has recently gathered 8,472 pounds of dry peavine ray and sorghum. This is the third crop harvested from this acre in eighteen months. The first crop was potatoes, the next wheat and the next hay. One ton of guano was put on the land before the first crop, but no other fertilizer was used after that. Mr. Harris does not plant a great deal of wheat, preferring to plant oats.—Laurens Advertiser.

### DR. HUNT MOVES.

Rev. F. D. Hunt, of Decatur, Ga., former pastor of the Hendersonville Presbyterian church has accepted a call as Synodical Evangelist of the new Appalachian Presbytery. Dr. Hunt expects to be located in Asheville. His friends will be interested to know that he will be located near here.

It was time for baby girl to go to bed, and father offered to lie on the bed until she fell asleep. Off she went pickapack, and the tired mother leaned back in her chair. Ten minutes—twenty minutes—half an hour, and she was wondering when father would be down when she heard a soft pit-a-pat. Then a little white-robed form stood in the doorway. "Hush, hush, muvver," she said. "I've got farver to sleep."



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Visit The Rest Room  
Hendersonville Merchants Association

### BAPTISTS PLANNING FOR THREE DAY MEETING AT MUD CREEK.

First of Adjourned Meetings of Carolina Baptist Association to be Held at Mud Creek.

When the Carolina Baptist association recently met in annual session at Beaufort it decided to awaken interest in the associational work by holding three adjourned meetings.

The arrangement for these meetings was placed in the hands of the executive committee.

The first meeting has been arranged for Mud Creek church from January 7 through the 9th.

An interesting program has been arranged as will be seen by the following announcement of the committee:

Program prepared by Rev. K. W. Cawthon, at the request of the Executive Committee of the association:

#### FRIDAY.

10:00 a. m. Called to order by the Moderator of the association.

10 to 10:30. Devotional half hour with Scriptural Exposition of fifteen minutes. United Prayer for all our work, T. C. King.

10:30 to 11:00. Intermission.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Dr. Calvin B. Waller.

12:15 p. m. Adjourn for dinner on the ground.

1:30 to 2:30 p. m. Praise and Song Service, Leader, Prof. Wilkie of Pleasant Hill.

2:30 to 3:30 p. m. Address on State Missions, W. R. Bradshaw.

3:30 p. m. Announcements.

7:30 p. m. Round Table and Free open discussion, Leader, Dr. C. B. Waller.

#### Saturday.

10 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Devotional half hour with Scriptural Exposition.

J. R. Linder.

10:30 to 11:00 a. m. Intermission.

11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Address on Home Missions, Dr. V. I. Masters.

12:15 a. m. Adjourn for dinner on the grounds.

1:30 to 2:30 p. m. Song and Praise Service, Leader, Prof. Wilkie of Pleasant Hill.

2:30 to 3:30 P. M. Round Table and Free open discussion, Leader, Dr. V. I. Masters.

3:30 p. m. Announcements.

7:30 p. m. Address on Foreign Missions, Dr. C. J. Thompson.

#### Sunday.

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Dr. V. I. Masters.

3:00 p. m. Round Table and Free Open Discussion, Dr. V. I. Masters.

7:30 p. m. Testimony meeting, W. W. Marr.

Second Meeting—Saluda, Friday before the first Sunday in April. Program announced later.

Third Meeting—Horse Shoe, Friday before the first Sunday in July. Program announced later.

Annual Meeting—Refuge, Wednesday before the first Sunday in October.

### WHAT HE WOULD DO.

As the subject for their weekly essay the schoolmaster asked his pupils to say what they could do if they had \$5,000,000.

At once all heads were bent save one, and pens scratched busily. The one exception was little Willie. He calmly sat doing nothing, twiddling his fingers and watching the flies on the ceiling.

At the end of the time the master collected the papers and Willie handed over a blank sheet.

"How's this, Willie?" asked the master. "Is this your essay? Why, all the others have written at least two sheets, while you do nothing!"

"Well," replied Willie, "that's what I would do if I were a millionaire!"—Philadelphia Record.

### CITY COMMISSIONERS WILL ADVERTISE THE CITY HALL.

If Purchaser Can be Found City Will Build Police, Fire and Official Departments.

The city commissioners, in accordance with the news story in last week's Democrat, met last Thursday night and inspected the plans of Architect Erl G. Stillwell calling for the remodeling of the city hall.

Mayor C. E. Brooks reports that the commissioners were highly pleased with the details of the plans of Architect Stillwell, a premature sketch of which was given in the Democrat last week. They are of the conviction that these alterations will be the means of converting the city hall into more useful property.

The commissioners decided that it would not be good policy to undertake changes of this kind before early spring owing to the freezes that might endanger the masonic work. Meanwhile they will advertise the building for sale and if a purchaser can be found who will repair the building and include in the changes the provisions for an auditorium on the upper floor, the city will erect a new building to provide adequate quarters for the fire, police and official departments. The new building would not provide for an auditorium.

The commissioners are firmly bent on remodeling the city hall in case a purchaser is not found.

### GOOD WORK DONE BY TWO HENDERSONVILLE PEOPLE.

Charles French Toms in delivering the address of welcome in Asheville to the annual convention of the officers and missionaries of the American Sunday school union, southern district of which he is vice president, made the following interesting remarks with reference to the part Hendersonville people played in the early history of the convention:

#### First State Convention.

"I am told that the first Sunday school convention held in Western North Carolina, was held in the adjoining county of Madison in the year 1851, and that Colonel S. V. Pickens, of Hendersonville, an attorney of that place, and now alive, was its secretary. At the same time came the missionaries of the American Sunday school union. Realizing that the conditions were such in the rural districts that great good could be accomplished in the establishment of Sunday schools, the Rev. G. S. Jones, of Hendersonville, undertook the work. Mr. Jones was a native Pasquotank county, and as a young man moved to Western North Carolina, being first a school teacher. He was beloved by everyone. No man ever stood higher in a community than he stood in Henderson county. Patiently for more than forty years he drove about this county with his horse and buggy establishing Sunday schools, and doing good wherever the opportunity presented itself."

### FEEDING THE FARM MULE.

When the farm mule is working hard, feed him all the grain and hay he will eat. He will not eat too much. Unlike a horse he will not bolt his grain and leave his hay, but eats a little of one and then a little of the other. When he has had enough he knows enough to stop, writes Orin Crocker in Farm and Home.

During the winter give him all the corn fodder he can eat. A little hay may be added if desired, but this is not necessary. Many mule owners winter animals entirely on corn fodder. What is not cleaned up in the racks is used for bedding. When mules are not working they will eat about three per cent of their weight a day of corn fodder.

### INTERESTING GOSSIP FROM 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

Raleigh Hears That Ex-Representative R. R. Williams Would Relish the Opportunity to Beat Britt.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—The late visit of former Representative Robert R. Williams, of Buncombe, has left in Raleigh a trial of rumors that should interest Congressman J. J. Britt, Senator Zebulon Weaver, Sol Gallert and anybody else who wishes to run for congress in the 10th. Of course Mr. Williams should be interested slightly.

Mr. Williams seems to have proceeded cautiously behind the humor that beat him here. He came on this slow freight and ran in block, so to speak. If publication of his plans, as indicated by his friends in the west, should cause their wreck, Raleigh people would be sorry. They like him and would be glad to hear him sing in a campaign with Britt. Williams is some orator and a lover of stump speaking.

The westerners do not like the turn of things, however. They began planning well for the retirement of Britt, having as they thought eliminated such candidates as will leave division after the nomination has been bestowed. They do not see how two Buncombe aspirants can work for harmony. Senator Weaver has done a good deal of work. Mr. Williams does not appear to have impressed 10th men that way. But they say he wants it.

Meanwhile, nice as Bob Williams is, the ladies down here don't care if nobody beats Britt, the only avowed suffragist in the North Carolina division and the hope of the equalists in forcing the democracy to take cognizance of the "issue." What the suffragists would particularly like is a division in the ninth where any sort of change would be as fruitful to this cause as present conditions have made it. Yates Webb, one of the smartest of them said today, "has gone to Congress to bring about national prohibition, but he can't get interested in woman suffrage because he wants the state to settle it. Ain't he consistent though? Crazy for national prohibition but not willing to see the nation go for suffrage."

Mr. Webb wasn't the author of the dictum that women are illogical.

### REPUBLICAN ASSET.

Hard to Beat Whiskers in a Presidential Race.

When placing your bets on the Republican nominee for President, don't overlook the fact that Charles Evans Hughes has whiskers. A trifle? Just wait a moment and see.

It is hard, very hard, to beat a full beard in a race for the White House. Lincoln was the first President to be so adorned. At his first election he was beardless and he was a minority winner against the field by a million votes.

By 1864, when McClellan was his opponent, Lincoln had a full beard and he beat "Little Mac" by more than 400,000. Grant also wore a full beard and you know what he did in 1868 to Horatio Seymour and four years later to Horace Greeley, neither of whom was so fortunate.

And again in 1876 the much-be-whiskered Hayes triumphed over the cleanly-shaven Tilden. Four years afterward James A. Garfield took himself and his luxuriant beard to Washington, while General Hancock, with his mustache and imperial, remained at home.

Every rule has its exception, and James G. Blaine is in this instance. His beard couldn't save him from Burchard's three Rs, so that Cleveland won by the narrow squeak of 62,000 votes. But you know what Benjamin Harrison, whiskered like a Norseman, did to Cleveland in 1888, although he couldn't keep up that speed four years later.

Harrison was the last bearded candidate of any great party to run for President, but the full beard precedent is so thoroughly established that I warn all to beware of Justice Hughes if he is nominated.—Gerard, in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### A SOFT ANSWER.

A tramp approached a certain Downs home the other morning, says The New York American, rapped on the back door, and when the lady of the house appeared he began to clear his throat preparatory to telling his hard luck story.

"Get away from here" said the woman. "I never feed professional bums!"

"But madam, I am not a professional bum," said the tramp. "I am an apychoologist traveling in the interest of science. I read character at a glance. In looking into the soulful depths of your beautiful eyes I read there that you are by nature a kind-hearted, gentle, generous woman. It is these impulses and the contemplation of charitable deeds that keep you looking so young and handsome."

"You poor, tired, hungry man," said the woman. "Come inside and I will give you some breakfast."

About 300 species of turtle and tortoises are known.

British India's 1914 imports were valued at \$508,000,000.

### WITH OUR EXCHANGES.

Success in Drug Business. J. Robert Davis, of the Davis Pharmacy, has leased the First National Bank building at Forest City and will establish a drug store there during the next few days. Mr. Davis operates a similar store at Black Mountain. Fixtures for the new store will be installed this week and the establishment will be open for the holiday trade, it is announced. Mr. Davis has a splendid business here and will no doubt be successful in his new venture.—Marion Progress.

A Teacher's Duty. To arouse, incite and encourage his pupil; set before him the right kind and amount of work to do; guide him to do the work in the right way; make the circumstances favorable by saving him from the annoyances of others. Don't find fault. It is a bad habit, arising generally from nervousness or weariness. It irritates the pupils, and destroys all the enthusiasm of the recitation. It makes bad, worse; avoid it as much as possible.

Take care of the block heads and the head will take care of themselves. Never threaten children. Say to the stubborn boy, "Do this or that," without suggesting any punishment in case of his disobedience. Simply, order him, and a matter authority, and let him obey you, not because you have threatened him with punishment, but because you have ordered him. If he disobeys you, punish him.—Franklin Press.

As to Hospital. Waynesville needs a community hospital—not a private one, but one in which all the physicians and all the people would be interested in. The following clipping is from the W. N. C. Democrat:

"In pointing out the needs of a hospital in Waynesville, the Mountaineer states that people pass and leave that town for Asheville, Statesville, Baltimore and other points when they should have a home institution; that Hendersonville is able to support three therefore Waynesville should have at least one. To set Brother Boone straight we would state that Hendersonville has one hospital and three sanitariums, but the fact that we have but one hospital does not reduce Waynesville's need. But in some respects this question of patronizing a home hospital is like trading at home, which the Mountaineer is boosting; you don't keep at home all the business that apparently by good rights should remain there.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

The big new hotel for Waynesville has gotten far enough along to begin talking about it. Mr. C. M. Strickler, the organizer, is very much encouraged by local subscriptions and is regularly adding our local professional and business men to his list.

The hotel company has been organized with C. H. Ray as president, Dr. J. H. Way as vice president and Hugh J. Sloan as secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors contain, C. H. Ray, Dr. Way, Jefferson Reeves, John H. Smathers and Hugh Sloan. Dr. Way's beautiful Main street lot at corner of Pigeon street has been decided and no finer location could be had.

Architect Wm. J. East of Asheville, formerly of Pittsburg is preparing plans for a \$100,000 structure.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

Both Claim Peak. Mount Mitchell's peak has been seized by Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett who claims the title of the five acres on top belongs to her. She has taken possession of the cabin on top of the mountain and has moved into it. Mrs. Alice T. Connally also claims the property and there seems to be no way of settling the dispute outside the courts.—Black Mountain News.

### HoPewell Burned.

Hopewell is the new town in Old Virginia, built within the last year and a half around the new plant of the duPont powder people at City Point, near Petersburg. Yesterday it was burning and according to the dispatches of the night, thousands of its inhabitants have been forced into Petersburg for shelter. In Virginia the town has been regarded as one of the miracles of the war. Eight months ago it was a cornfield, while yesterday it was the home of more than 25,000 people, gathered there from all parts of the country. The destruction of the town will, of course, will not materially check the development that is taking place in that region, for the great powder concern has built permanently and is now turning into the channels of trade millions monthly through payrolls.—Spartanburg Herald.

### Forest City Creamery.

Two acres of land in the Southern part of Forest City have been bought for the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery of which B. H. Bridges is secretary and treasurer. The building will be brick with concrete floors and measure 28x51 feet. Power and heat will be furnished with a boiler.—Rutherfordton Sun.